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SUBJECT: VISA FEES: RECIPROCITY

REF: STATE 25940 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON MARCH 11 EMBASSY BEGAN CHARGING VISA FEES TO POLISH BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORIZATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL. NOTE INFORMING MFA ALONG LINES OF WARSAW 0027 WAS TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 11.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, GOP HAS PUBLISHED NEW GENERAL VISA FEE SCHEDULE REQUIRING PAYMENT OF 160 ZLOTIES FOR A SINGLE ENTRY, REGULAR VISA; 600 ZLOTIES FOR A MULTIPLE-ENTRY, REGULAR VISA, AND 80 ZLOTIES FOR A TRANSIT VISA, WHETHER SINGLE OR MULTIPLE. THE MFA HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT BEARERS OF US PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS:

\$10 FOR SINGLE-ENTRY, REGULAR VISA; \$31 FOR A MULTIPLE-ENTRY, REGULAR VISA; AND \$5.50 FOR A TRANSIT VISA. THE SINGLE-ENTRY REGULAR VISA FEE HAS THUS BEEN REDUCED, WHILE THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN INCREASED, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE CASE OF THE MULTIPLE-ENTRY REGULAR VISA FEE. THE MFA HASTENED TO ADD THAT THESE FEES INCLUDED POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

3. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO CONFIRM THESE NEW FEES, AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO AMEND SCHEDULE C.

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MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR B-2 AND C-1 WOULD SEEM TO BE IN

ORDER. WHEN MULTIPLE ENTRIES ARE AUTHORIZED AND A FEE
OF \$31 IS SHOWN, IT WOULD ALSO SEEM APPROPRIATE TO
ADD A FOOTNOTE STATING THAT A FEE OF \$10 WILL BE
CHARGED FOR A SINGLE ENTRY. THIS WOULD ACHIEVE
RECIPROCITY, AND WOULD BE FAIRER TO THE VAST MAJORITY
OF VISA APPLICANTS WHO ONLY REQUIRE A SINGLE ENTRY.
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